(*c*) 3,790 running feet.
(*d*) Yes : the first 490 running feet of the road.
(*e*) Rs. 382-10-15.
(*f*) Rs. 9,015.
(*g*) Yes ; as soon as the road is completed.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : May I know why the necessary funds have not been placed in the hands of the P. W. D. for completing this road soon ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It appears the Municipality has not got sufficient funds.

Satram at the Cape.

147 *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received representations from the Muslims as well as Muslim Associations of Nagercoil, urging the necessity of a *satram* for the use of the Muslims that visit Cape Comorin ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR N ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know what action has been taken on the representations they have received ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Government have already made arrangements to put up a *satram* at the Cape, and no action was found necessary on the petition. It was therefore recorded.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) Is there any *satram* now at Cape which is open to all communities ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Will the proposed *satram* be thrown open to all communities ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

Room Rent for godowns.

148 *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received complaints regarding the excessive room rent levied in the godowns at Valiatura Port as compared with the rates obtaining at Alleppey in regard to similar godowns there ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : Yes.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : What is the disparity in the rates obtaining at Alleppey and Trivandrum ports ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : There is no disparity in the rates. The only difference is that, while, at Alleppey, seven days are allowed free of rent, only two days are allowed free at Trivandrum.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know why that distinction is maintained ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : The rules were so framed originally. On receipt of complaints from merchants, Government ordered that they will wait for some time before amending the rules.

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MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know what action has been taken on the representations made by the merchants?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*). So far, relief has been granted in one direction. The two days have been declared by Government to be two clear days exclusive of intervening holidays. The question of extension to seven days as in Alleppey has been ordered by Government to lie over.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): What prevents uniform conditions being maintained in both places?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Nothing. But Government thought that it would be better to take up the question of revision after some time.

Railway Station at Edava or Venkulam.

149 * MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what the total estimate for the proposed railway station at Edava or Venkulam is; and

(*b*) at what stage that proposal now is?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) The estimate has not yet been made final and is still under consideration

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know when the estimate was prepared first by the Railwsy expert?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): In April 1935.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know why there is so much delay in this matter?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The first report was examined by the Chief Engineer who found that there were some defects in it. It was therefore returned for correction and the second report that has now been received is being examined,

Admission of non-caste Hindu students in the Girls' Middle School at Thekketheruvu.

150 * MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any restriction in the matter of admitting girl students of non-caste Hindu communities, Christians and Muslims, in the Girls' Middle School at Thekketheruvu inside the Fort;

(*b*) whether they are aware of admission being refused to students of communities other than caste Hindus: and

(*c*) the reasons for refusing admission to such communities?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) & (*b*). Yes.

(*c*) It is at present regarded as a special school for caste Hindus.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether there is any other girls' school in the State where such distinction is maintained in regard to admission of pupils?

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